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EMINENT SIRS AND SIR KNIGHTS:

The notice of Bethany Commandery for February has twenty-one applications listed, two and one-third times its quota. This is indeed a wonderful achievement and our congratulations and heartfelt thanks to E. Sir H. Russell Chamberlain. This conclusively demonstrates the truth of the old adage "where there is a will, there is a way." Wouldn't it be wonderful if all Commanderies would do half as well?

The Joint Conclave under the auspices of the Grand Commandery at Haverhill on January 31st was most successful from every point of view. The Red Cross Team of DeMolay Commandery and the Malta Team of Hugh de Payens put on the Orders of Red Cross and Malta in full form before a class of forty-eight candidates including four from New Hampshire.

All in all there were about three hundred served at the dinner put on by the Eastern Star. Two sittings were necessitated and even then some were obliged to go outside for dinner. The asylum was filled to more than its capacity. It was estimated that between three hundred fifty and four hundred were present. All were obviously so impressed with the beautiful rendition of both Orders that not a single person left during the performances.

Haverhill Commandery has not had such a large gathering for a great many years, and unquestionably this evening not only did Haverhill Commandery a great deal of good, but it also advanced the cause of Templary in general as well. Our thanks and appreciation are due not only to E. Sir Raymond S. Seaver of Haverhill Commandery, E. Sir Philo C. Epps and E. Sir John J. Mick of DeMolay Commandery, E. Sir Fred P. Preston, R.E. Sir Frank H. Wilson, and Sir Kt. Joseph Hinds of Hugh de Payens, but to many others, without whose wonderful cooperation this evening would not have been possible.

To many of us these Joint Conclaves, where the Orders of Red Cross and Malta are put on in full form before a large audience and a large class of candidates, constitute one of the most important Grand Commandery Projects. Not only do they revive and stimulate interest in Templary generally but also the candidates who are present really get their money's worth. Even more important than this, the first impression of Templary which these candidates receive is bound to be a most favorable one, and one which augurs well for their continued interest in Templary

While this, in no sense, is intended to imply that commanderies generally should abandon putting on the Orders of Red Cross and Malta, and "farm out" all their candidates, so to speak, I do suggest that all candidates who do not receive these Orders in full form initially be urged, and even importuned, to go somewhere later to see them in full form.

We are still tentatively planning to hold a similar Joint Conclave in the Western part of Massachusetts in April. Holy Sepulchre Commandery has agreed to put on the Order of the Red Cross in full form, and Worcester Commandery has agreed to put on the Order of Malta in full form. The time and place remain to be fixed. It is hoped that a formal announcement concerning this Joint Conclave can be made shortly.

Courteously yours,

ALFRED C. BLAKE, Grand Commander

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Publicity

We in our Grand Jurisdictions must endeavor to promote Templary so that our Order will continue to grow and to spread the teachings of Christ "the great Captain of our Salvation." Templary and the Christian Church are closely allied, so adopt the slogan "Onward Christian Soldiers."

To be a Knight Templar is an honor and a sacred privilege - and may it become to the world a torch lighting a pathway of righteousness for all men. Let us rejoice that we have a great spiritual wealth to offer to a world that needs such treasurers now and tomorrow. The world needs Templary to help bind up its mental wounds, to feed the souls hungering for righteousness, and to heal the saddened hearts. Christian Knighthood guarantees to the world protection against evil forces, and promises security in enjoying prosperity and peace of mind.

We are on the threshhold of a new age, a new order. We will be called upon to go onward and upward or fall back into the slough of despondency. Knights Templar of today can, if they so desire, exercise their influence for a return to the peoples of the world of the principles of Templar Philosophy, to the building of character according to Christian beliefs and to the doing of good. There is nothing in the Knight Templar code that will not make for a better world, a safer world and a kinder world. You cannot be a good Knight Templar without also being a good neighbor, a good citizen and a good man. Nor can you, or should you, belong to the Order of Knights Templar without practicing the virtues which make for Christian deportment. You cannot be a good Knight Templar on the lodge floor only. Templary could easily find itself left behind should it depend entirely upon the ritualistic or drillwork It must contribute something constructive to the religious and social problems which are now with us. Raise your Templar banner where all can see it. Let it wave, not only on parade, but every act of your life and over every contact you have with your fellowmen.

Today all growing organizations have well established Public Relations Bureaus or Committees. A Public Relations Committee in any Constituent Commandery can render valuable assistance in news release and promotion work in connection with all Templar activities. Each Constituent Commandery should appoint a Public Relations Committee to prepare and send out Commandery news-releases to local newspapers. Such news stories in connection with public gatherings on Christmas, Easter and any Templar Service, where the public is to be invited, represent outstanding and very important contributions toward the growth of Templar Masonry. Presenting the news of a Constituent Commandery locally through newspapers can only result in creating a more favorable public interest, and de-

velops greater enthusiasm among Commandery members, and induces more Master Masons to join this Order of Christian Knighthood. Newspaper announcements should especially be given to Annual Inspections, and the news of Official Visitors. There is real and natural news in every Commandery to employ in bringing the activities and high standard of the Order of Knights Templar to the attention of the Public. The newspaper are seeking news, good, live, local news. In every Commandery there are men well qualified to write Templar news acceptable to the newspaper as news, of interest to the public, and of vast benefit to the Order. To attract to our Order the type of men we desire, we must make known to them the nature of our activities and aism through dignified NEWS of the Order.

Templary has achieved place and prestige because of its remarkable contributions to learning thru medium of its Knights Templar Education Foundation.

Another great project has been reared in the broad plan to make Templary more useful, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. OBJECTIVES: for research, treatment and/or hospitalization of diseases or injuries of the eye in an effort to prevent blindness. This service available to anyone regardless of race, creed, color, age, sex or national origin and that the treatment of patients for this purpose shall be free and limited to persons unable to pay. Hundreds of cases have been processed for attention or are in the state of being processed. Thousands of dollars have been channeled into research, and other thousands have been earmarked as grants to approved institutions seeking ways to ameliorate or cure the various diseases which afflict the eyes of so many of the people. There is but one qualification - inability to pay.

The admonition to "Let your light so shine that they may see your good works" is valueless if the light is "hidden under a bushel." Where a cause is just, an affirmative effort to attract public interest thru sustained and planned publicity is well rendered. No false sense of modesty or coyness ever won adherents to any great movement. He, who died on the Cross, sent disciples forth throughout the world.

Most local items of news are fed to the papers;and in most instances, the items are welcomed. For Templary publicity, our job is to attend to the feeding of such news to local papers. I urge you to do it; or to forward local items to the Grand Recorder sufficiently ahead of time for him to give a 24-hour advance release to your paper.

George A. Weeks, Chairman
Committee on Public Relations
Grand Encampment

We are pleased to report that Sir Kt. Dwight C. Page, P.G.C. is home from the hospital and coming along fine. He wants us to express his thanks to the Sir Knights for their many kindnesses.

1959 DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar. 29 - Easter Sunrise Service, Arlington Nat'l Cemetery,Arlington,Va
Apr. 10 - Grand Commanders' Ball, Hotel Statler-Hilton Ballroom
June 2 - Annual Templar Nite at the Pops (Tuesday)
June 13 - All-Masonic Nite, Boston Garden (Saturday)
Nov. 6)- All-Masonic Cruise, M.S.KUNGSHOLM to the West Indies
to 16th)

COMMANDERY	QUOTA	MOS.	FEB.	TOTAL
St.John's	42	3	0	3
Boston	75	22	10	32
Newburyport	20	1	1	2
Washington	7	1	3	4
Worcester County	49	9	1	10
Springfield	35	5	7	12
DeMolay	54	27	4	31
Holy Sepulchre	24	0	NN	0
Pilgrim	20	0	2	11
Palestine	13	5	5	10
Milford	11	3	0	3
St.Bernard	6	3	0	3
Calvary	42	12	0	12
Haverhill	25	11	1	12
Old Colony	13	4	6	10
Sutton	36	0	7	7
Bethany	9	0	21	21
Winslow Lewis	14	3	0	3
Jerusalem	19	4	4	8
Hugh de Payens	40	13	2	15
St. Omer	21	6	0	6
Berkshire	17	23	1	24
Conn. Valley	10	0	3	3
Woonsocket	12	1	2	3
Godfrey deBouillon	8	8	3	11
Joseph Warren	11	1	0	1
Narragansett	13	0	1	1
Bristol	17	3	4	7
Northampton	7	2	0	2
South Shore	10	5	7	12
Trinity	12	4	0	4
Natick	17	9	9	9
Coeur de Lion	24	14	1	15
Gethsemane	32	9	5	14
Olivet	30	6	0	6
Athol	9	7	1	8
Bay State	26	7	2	9
Cyprus	11	2	0	2
St. Paul	8	0	0	0
Beauseant	22	4	5	9
Cambridge	10	0	3	3
Bethlehem	10	2	2	4
Orange	5	3	0	3
Ivanhoe	17	3	0	3
Quincy	20	8	7	15
Temple	13	7	1	8
St. Andrew	10	4	0	4
Reading	20	14	1	15
Thomas Smith Webb	12	8	3	11
Sir Galahad	12	0	0	0
TOTALS	1,000	295	126	421

1958-59 MONTHLY OBJECTIVE NECESSARY TO REACH QUOTA

	OBJ.	ACT.
Sept.	56	19
Oct.	130	77
Nov.	98	45
Dec.	82	84
Jan.	108	70
Feb.	124	126
Mar.	116	
Apr.	116	
May	112	
June	59	

ACCUMULATIVE

	OBJ.	ACT.
Sept.	55	19
Oct.	185	96
Nov.	283	141
Dec.	365	225
Jan.	473	295
Feb.	597	421
Mar.	713	
Apr.	829	
May	941	
June	1,000	

COMPARISON

	1959	1958	1957	1956
Sept.	19	45	53	54
Oct.	96	140	165	167
Nov.	141	221	241	251
Dec.	225	269	312	291
Jan.	295	349	409	370
Feb.	421	430	520	480
Mar.		511	616	549
Apr.		613	707	616
May		693	772	691
June		744	832	722

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Sir Knights:

South Shore and Bethany Commanderies have exceeded their petition quotas. South Shore has 120% of quota and Bethany a thumping 231%! Congratulations to Em. Commanders William J. Williams and H. Russell Chamberlain. Eleven other Commanderies need only from one to five petitions to join the select group. Determination, planned action and persistence will pay dividends in petitions. It can be done and you can do it.!!

J. Leroy Jones, Director
Membership Progress &Publicity